

Berkeley Elementary

RATINGS OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Excellent	Good
2002	Excellent	Good
2003		
2004		

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PERFORMANCE RATING CRITERIA

Student attendance rate	95.9%
Pupil – Teacher Ratio	18.1 To 1
Percent of parents attending conferences	99.0%
Days of professional development in early childhood devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old	3.3

Type of accreditation

(More than one may apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Not pursuing accreditation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conducting a self-study
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State Department of Education
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Association for the Education of Young Children
<input type="checkbox"/>	American Montessori Society

SCHOOL PROFILE:

Berkeley Elementary

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$3,661	Up 11.2%	\$5,602	\$5,426
• Prime instructional time	89.7%	Down from 90.2%	89.6%	89.9%
• Student-teacher ratio	18.1 to 1	Up from 17.6 to 1	17.9 to 1	17.9 to 1
STUDENTS (n=821)				
• Attendance Rate	95.9%	Up from 95.6%	95.7%	95.8%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	97.1%	Up from 95.0%	97.1%	97.1%
• Retention rate	5.2%	Down from 7.7%	5.4%	5.0%
TEACHERS (n=54)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	9.9 Days	Up from 7.4Days	13.1 Days	11.6 Days
• Attendance Rate	95.1%	Down from 95.8%	94.9%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	44.4%	Down from 48.2%	45.0%	43.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	83.3%	Up from 82.1%	83.8%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	85.6%	Down from 86.5%	89.7%	87.5%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,310	Up 5.5%	\$38,672	\$38,557

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	67.8%	Up from 60.8%	67.3%	65.9%
• Principal's years at the school	2.0	Up from 1.0	2.5	5.0
• Parents attending conferences	99.0%	Up from 94.5%	99.0%	99.0%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	0.3%	No change	0.4%	0.4%
• Suspended or expelled	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
• With disabilities other than speech	2.9%	Up from 2.7%	3.6%	3.1%

ABBREVIATIONS FOR MISSING DATA

N/A - Not Applicable

N/C - Not Collected

N/R - Not Reported

I/S - Insufficient Sample





PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

As usual, the past year was an exciting time for everyone at Berkeley Elementary. Even though, with over 800 students, it is often a challenge to schedule everything that we would like to do, all of our students performed well and had an opportunity to grow academically, socially, and artistically.

Our excellent rating on last year's Annual School Report Card indicates that we are working hard at helping our boys and girls on their way to becoming productive citizens. Notable accomplishments included: 88.2% of our first grades were assessed as ready for first grade; several students were selected for All-County Chorus; several students had artwork on display in local venues; all first and second-grade students participated in the Kids Who Care environmental program; all grade levels participated in the Junior Achievement program, with community volunteers serving as classroom instructors; the number of classes utilizing the Everyday Math series more than doubled from the previous year; Character Education, in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club's Terrific Kids promotion, was emphasized; parenting programs and activities were provided school wide; after school tutoring was provided at no cost to participants; accreditation was maintained through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and, technology upgrades continued.

Learning is happening at many levels. Our teachers participate in a variety of professional development activities. Some have completed advanced degrees; others have begun or are continuing work toward advanced status.

Berkeley Elementary continues to utilize the Comer Model for planning and performance. Parents, teachers, administrators, grandparents, and other community volunteers meet regularly to review our progress and plan for continued progress. Our PTO provides a wealth of support, from fund raising to hands-on assistance with many of our programs.

We were named a Red Carpet School by the South Carolina Department of Education. This new award is presented to schools that are family-friendly. Schools were selected based on appearance, staff friendliness and responsiveness, displays of student work, and an overall feeling of being inviting to visitors. Berkeley Elementary was the only school in Berkeley County to receive Red Carpet recognition.

Karen Whitley, Ed.D., Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS

	Teachers	Students	Parents
Number of Surveys Returned	54	0	0
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.2%	N/R	N/R
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.1%	N/R	N/R
Percent satisfied with home-school relations	84.9%	N/R	N/R

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Berkeley Elementary
715 Highway 6
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Grades K-2 Primary School

Enrollment: 821 Students

Principal

Dr. Karen Whitley 843-899-8860

Superintendent

Dr. J. Chester Floyd 843-899-8602

Board Chair

Ms. Carolyn Lewis 843-899-8602



THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA Annual School Report Card 2002

**Absolute Rating:
Excellent**

**Improvement Rating:
Good**

Absolute Ratings of Similar Schools

Unsatisfactory	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent
0	0	0	0	10

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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